

Far into the thirteenth century, these customs retained the affections both of the people of the old duchies and the burgesses of the Apulian towns, and the once Teutonic race continued to cling to customs bearing old Germanic names such as the *morgengab* or settlement on the newly married wife of part of the husband's effects, the subjection of the women to the *mundwald* or guardian, the *launeg&t*, or acknowledgment in kind made for some grant or gift. The Lombard law even had its attraction for those free cities Amalfi, Gaeta, and Trajetto which broadly speaking were Greek-Italian and non-Lombard, The *Consuetudines* or Customs of Amalfi, which were collected in 1274 but existed three centuries earlier, show that the basis of dowry and succession among the Amalfitans is Lombard and not Roman law; the *morgengab* is at home there as in Barf or Benevento. *

The second of the great native forces of Lower Italy was in the non-Lombard civic states, in Naples, Amalfi, Gaeta, and a few lesser towns of the western coast which were their satellites, Of these, the greatest was Naples,

The Basileus Constantine IV, may be said to have founded the Neapolitan duchy in

661; he
defined its territories within a line
reaching from
above Gaeta in the north to Amalfi in
the south.
As Naples itself gradually formed a
nucleus of self-
government out of the wrecks of Greek
dominion,

¹ Racioppi, G., *Arch. si. nap.*, 1880, pp. i-ao»